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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 2179

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF ARAB TERRORISTS

REF: BERLIN 2110

1. DETAILED FORMAL CHARGES FILED BY STATE PROSECUTOR
DECEMBER 11 AGAINST FOUR ARABS ARRESTED IN WEST BERLIN
OCTOBER 18 WITH EXPLOSIVES IN THEIR POSSESSION INCLUDE:
PLANNING OF CRIMINAL ACT, NAMELY USE OF EXPLOSIVES TO
ENDANGER HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY: AND VIOLATION OF
ALLIED PROHIBITION AGAINST POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES.
PROSECUTOR HAD REQUESTED TRIAL BEFORE LANDGERICHT BERLIN,
I.E. NORMAL CRIMINAL PROCEEDING. DATE, HOWEVER, HAS NOT
YET BEEN SET.

2. IN MEANTIME SENAT INFORMED US DECEMBER 20 THAT
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ONE OF ARABS, ALI SALEM, HAS TOLD POLICE "IN
STRICTES CONFIDENCE" THAT HE AND HIS ACCOMPLICES

SHOULD BE RELEASED AND ALLOWED TO LEAVE CITY,
SINCE THEY WOULD "IN ANY CASE" SOON BE SET FREE BY
COMPATRIOTS, WHICH COULD LEAD TO BLOODSHED SHOULD
"SOMEONE LOSE HIS NERVE." ALI SALEM SAID THAT HIS
"EMPLOYERS" IN LEBANON HAD GUARANTEED LIBERATION BY
MEMBERS OF AN ORGANIZATION OR BY PERSONS FROM HIS
CIRCLE OF RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES SHOULD HE AND
ACCOMPLICES BE CAPTURE.

3. ALI SALEM ADDED THAT, AT TIME OF HIS RELEASE,
HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PASS ON TO AUTHORITIES NAMES
OF ARABS WHO ACCORDING TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WOULD BE
INVOLVED IN LIBERATION ACTION OF THIS KIND. HE REFUSED,
HOWEVER, TO GIVE ANY NAMES AT PRESENT. MIXING THREATS
WITH OFFERS, ALI SALEM SAID THAT, IN EVENT OF SUCCESSFUL
LIBERATION ACTION, HE WOULD BE ALWAYS OBLIGATED TO
"THE ORGANIZATION" AND WOULD HAVE TO CARRY OUT ITS ORDERS
UNCONDITIONALLY.

4. COMMENT: SENAT: AT FIRST READING, IS INCLINED TO
DOUBT VERACITY OF ALI SALEM'S STORY. POLICE WERE UNABLE
TO DETERMINE WHETHER ALI SALEM AWARE OF ROME-ATHENS
INCIDENTS.

5. USCOB CONCURS.

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